Vayudoot has plans to airlink Faizabad and Ghazipur in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the current plan period.

Reappraisal of the Family Planning programme on the behest of the Planning Commission

176. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has called for a reappraisal of the current strategy and revitalisation of the whole programme as the family welfare programme is lagging behind considerably; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHARDARDE): (a) and (b) There is a constant inter-action between the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and various agencies including the Planning Commission about the strategy to be adopted for effective functioning of the Family Welfare Programme.

Profit/Loss by Air Indian Indian Airlines, Vayudoot Helicopter Corporation

177. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the profits/losses incurred by Air India, Indian Airlines, Vayudoot, Helicopter Corporation of India, International Airport Authority of India and National Airport Authority of India during each of the last 3 years and the current year so far, what were the comparative figures for the first six months of 1987 and 1988?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): A statement is attached. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 8]

Rabies treatment in the AIIMS

178. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 15,000 persons die of rabies every year caused by dog-bite;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a new line of treatment for rabies is being developed at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences; and

(c) if so, what are the results achieved in this regard so far and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) There are no precise estimates of deaths due to rabies cause by dog bites. However, according to the data compiled by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence under the Directorate General of Health Services, 487 deaths were reported due to rabies of dog-bite in 1987.

(b) and (c) All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi are carrying out a Research Project for treatment of rabies patients and they have reported that two patients clinically considered to be rabies have survived in recent past.